

# **EXHIBIT A**

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

**IN RE: JOHNSON & JOHNSON  
TALCUM POWDER PRODUCTS  
MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES,  
AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY  
LITIGATION**

Joianne Pyram, as Personal  
Representative of the Estate of  
Michele Pyram,

Plaintiff,

v.

Johnson & Johnson, et al.,

Defendants.

**MDL NO. 2738 (FLW) (LHG)**

**COMPLAINT AND JURY  
DEMAND**

Civil Action No.:  
3:17-cv-11214

**AMENDED SHORT FORM COMPLAINT  
AND JURY DEMAND**

(Amended Paragraphs Applicable to Defendants Johnson & Johnson  
and Johnson & Johnson Consumer, Inc. Only)

Plaintiff Joianne Pyram, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Michele Pyram, by and through counsel, files this *Amended Short Form Complaint and Demand for Jury Trial*. This Amended Short Form Complaint only amends allegations pled against Defendant Johnson & Johnson and Defendant Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc. in earlier pleadings and incorporates the original Short Form Complaint as applicable to all Defendants.

Plaintiff additionally incorporates by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint in In re: Talcum Powder Products Marketing, Sales Practice, and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL No. 2738, previously filed in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey as applicable to all Defendants. Plaintiff files this Amended Short Form Complaint pursuant to the Court's Case Management Order No. 1 and Fed. R. Civ. P. 15.

### **IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES**

#### **Identification of Plaintiff(s)**

1. Name of individual injured due to the use of talcum powder product(s):  
Michele Pyram and, by Michele Pyram's death, her children, Joianne Pyram, Michael Vaughan, and Joshua Vaughan.
2. At the time of the filing of the specific case, Plaintiff(s) is/are a citizen of: New York, New York.
3. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium: N/A.
4. Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claims:  
  
Name and residence of Decedent Plaintiff when she suffered the talcum powder product(s) related death: Michele Pyram, 189 Britton Ave, Apt. 205, Stoughton MA 02072.

5. Plaintiff/Decedent was born on September 19, 1946 and died on June 21, 2017.

6. Plaintiff is filing this case in a representative capacity as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Michele Pyram, having been duly appointed as the Personal Representative by the Suffolk County, Massachusetts Probate County.

7. As a result of using talcum powder products, Plaintiff/Decedent suffered personal and economic injur(ies) that are alleged to have been caused by the use of the products identified in Paragraph 16 below, but not limited to, the following:

X \_\_\_\_\_ injury to herself

X \_\_\_\_\_ injury to the person represented

X \_\_\_\_\_ wrongful death

X \_\_\_\_\_ survivorship action

X \_\_\_\_\_ economic loss

X \_\_\_\_\_ loss of services

\_\_\_\_\_ loss of consortium

\_\_\_\_\_ other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Identification of Defendants**

8. Plaintiff(s)/Decedent Plaintiff(s) is/are suing the following Defendant(s)

(please check all that apply)<sup>1</sup>:

- ☒ Johnson & Johnson
- ☒ Johnson & Johnson Consumer Inc.
- ☐ Imerys Talc America, Inc. (“Imerys Talc”)
- ☐ Personal Care Products Council (“PCPC”)

**Additional Defendants:**

- ☐ Other(s) Defendant(s) (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

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**JURISDICTION & VENUE**

**Jurisdiction:**

9. Jurisdiction in this Short Form Complaint is based on:

- ☒ Diversity of Citizenship
- ☐ Other (The basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction must be pled

in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).

**Venue:**

10. District Court(s) and Division (if any) in which venue was proper where you might have otherwise filed this Short Form Complaint absent the direct filing Order

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<sup>1</sup> If additional Counts and/or Counts directed to other Defendants are alleged by the specific Plaintiff(s) as to whom this *Short Form Complaint* applies, the specific facts supporting these allegations must be pleaded by the Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and the Defendants against whom they are alleged must be specifically identified on a separate sheet of paper attached to this *Short Form Complaint*.

entered by this Court and to where remand could be ordered by the Judicial Panel for trial: District of Massachusetts, Central.

### **CASE SPECIFIC FACTS**

11. Plaintiff(s) currently reside(s) in (City, State):  
New York, New York.

12. At the time of the Plaintiff's/Decedent's diagnosis with a talcum powder product(s) injury, Plaintiff/Decedent resided in (City, State): Stoughton, Massachusetts.

13. The Plaintiff/Decedent was diagnosed with a talcum powder product(s) injury in (City/State): Boston, Massachusetts on or about June 2015.

14. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, Plaintiff/Decedent began using talcum powder product(s) on or about the following date: 1976 and continued the use of talcum powder product(s) through about the following date: 2015.

15. The Plaintiff/Decedent purchased talcum powder product(s) in the following (State(s)): Massachusetts.

16. Plaintiff/Decedent used the following talcum powder products:

☒ Johnson & Johnson's Baby Powder

☐ Shower to Shower

### **CAUSES OF ACTION**

17. Plaintiff(s) hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the *Master Long*

*Form Complaint and Jury Demand* as if fully set forth herein.

18. The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master *Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* are herein adopted by reference by Plaintiff(s):

☒ Count I: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn  
(Against Imerys Talc)

☒ Count II: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Failure to Warn  
(Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)

☒ Count III: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Defective  
Manufacturer and Design (Against Imerys Talc)

☒ Count IV: Products Liability – Strict Liability – Defective  
Manufacturer and Design (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)

☒ Count V: Breach of Express Warranties (Against the Johnson &  
Johnson Defendants)

☒ Count VI: Breach of Implied Warranty of Merchantability (Against  
the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)

☒ Count VII: Breach of Implied Warranty of Fitness for a Particular  
Purpose (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)

☒ Count VIII: Negligence (Against Imerys Talc)

☒ Count IX: Negligence (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)

☐ Count X: Negligence (Against PCPC)

- ☒ Count XI: Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)
- ☒ Count XII: Fraud (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)
- ☐ Count XIII: Fraud (Against PCPC)
- ☒ Count XIV: Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws of the State of Massachusetts (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants).
- ☒ Count XV: Fraudulent Concealment (Against Imerys Talc)
- ☒ Count XVI: Fraudulent Concealment (Against the Johnson & Johnson Defendants)
- ☐ Count XVII: Fraudulent Concealment (Against PCPC)
- ☒ Count XVIII: Civil Conspiracy (Against All Defendants)
- ☐ Count XIX: Loss of Consortium (Against All Defendants)
- ☒ Count XX: Punitive Damages (Against All Defendants)
- ☒ Count XXI: Discovery Rule and Tolling (Against All Defendants)
- ☒ Count XXII: Wrongful Death (Against All Defendants)
- ☒ Count XXIII: Survival Action (Against All Defendants)
- ☐ Furthermore, Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional theories

and/or State Causes of Action against Defendant(s) identified in Paragraph nine (9) above. If Plaintiff(s) include(s) additional theories of recovery, to the extent they require specificity in pleadings, the specific facts and allegations supporting these



theories must be pled by Plaintiff(s) in a manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and judgment against Defendants of compensatory damages, punitive damages, interest, costs of suit, and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just, and as set forth in the Master Long Form Complaint as appropriate.

**JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: October 21, 2020

Respectfully Submitted by,

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